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ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Brewery Workers

October 22, 1953

Re: Brewery Workers - New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir and Brother:

The following is my personal appreciation of the New Orleans Brewery situation as it and exists at the present time.

- 1. It is not possible to secure a disaffilication vote from the membership.
- 2. If any attempt is made to receive certification by N. L. R. B. petition at this time it well might prove disasterous, since there are so many conflicting interests among the so called leaders and/or executive board members of the Brewery Workers Local, that their allegiances and positions change from day to day, and their general attitude of "let's not have any trouble" is the prevailing determenant.

The following facts should be given considerable weight in any analysis of this case.

- 1. Fundamentally, the employees concerned are not died in the wool trade unionists in the full sense of the term.
- 2. Any differences that may presently exist between their parent organization and the local officials are in reality differences between Lindbergand the local people. Since they distruct him and fear that his present interest is to establish a little dynasty in Texas for himself, even if it required the disruption of the brewers in New Orleans in order to build up the production of the Texas breweries. It is of interest to note that it is estimated that two of the larger New Orleans breweries distribute 42 and 46% of the production in Texas.

Therefore, when Franz Daniels of the National C. I. O. office guaranteed the executive board of the New Orleans local that he will see to it that Lindberg has nothing to do with that city and offered the assistance of the National C.I. O. in the forthcoming negotiations - the main reason for any disaffiliation was overcome and there prime goal insured without "any possibility of trouble."

3. It should be noted that most of the employees in the breweries have worked their entire life with the one employer (Falstaff



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employees being the sole exception); for example, the average age of the employees at Dixie Brewery is 49½ years. Therefore, the the Line threat by Lindberg seeing to it that those who advocated disaffiliation would be blackballed and discharged, had tremendous effect on certain key executive board members and from that time forward there existed no desire to stick their necks out or to run the possibility of having "trouble." This is particularly true in the case of "Red" Hagerty, Recording Secretary, and a most influential member of the Board.

Frank Marchese, the business agent of the local, employed in such a capacity for two years, is sincere individual but is unable to finally arrive at definite conclusions. This is evident from his constant traveling around New Orleans in an effort to obtain sound advise. He would solicit the Council of Teamsters, then an attorney, then the employer representative, then the C. I. O. in a constant merrigoround of conferences, and although I firmly believe that he personally favors affiliation with our organization, he never had the complete courage of his convictions to the extent necessary to force the issue. Therefore, it must be reported that some of his trusted associates fell easily victims to Lindberg promises for jobs and in the end Marchese was not able to effectively recommend the disaffiliation.

The lethargic membership of the local cannot be excited to anything which might tend to be termed "drastic action" and the only possibility at this time for this attitude to be changed would be for:

- 1. The Brewers International Union to convict Marchese of dual unionism and expel him (which Lindberg personally advocated) but which Franz Daniels has promised to prohibit.
- 2. Or for Lindberg and/or Feller to remain active in the affairs of the New Orleans Local.

The present plans of the Brewers International is to announce their findings in the trial of Business Agent Marchese at a full membership meeting that will be scheduled either for Sunday, October 25 or November 1, 1953.

Any further activity on the part of our organization should, therefore, be influenced by the outcome of this meeting.

Franz Daniels of the National C. I. O. office has effectively sold many of the executive board members on his program which includes the plank "stay with us now and we will all go over together."

It is my personal opinion that our organization, through its



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various representatives has left no stone unturned but because of the exiatence of the various factors reported herein, our goal has not been reached.

Fraternally yours,

PRANCIS JZ MURTHA
ECONOMIST

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Mr. Bay Schoessling, President
Bational Conference of Hrewery and Boft Drink Workers
e/o Local Union No. 744
133 South Ashland Boulevard
Shicago 7, Illinoia

Dear Bir and Brother:

I an taking this opportunity to give you an up-to-date report on what has taken place in New Orleans, Louisiana, with regards to the Brewery Workers Local Union 161.

First let as state our appreciation for the assistance siven by Henry Bartela from New York. He was very faithful in againg to New Original and elso valuable assistance was readered by him, without which we would have been unable to cake what progress see did.

After leaving Chicago, I went into New Orleans for further sonference with the Business Agent and Executive Board of Local Union 161. At that time they were planning to take the disaffilization vote en September 27th at a special ealled meeting. They falt that their main problem was etill to get the members to vote to affiliate with our erganization. Therefore, I called your office and requested the services of Henry Bertels and Bob Lewis, as they were available. Bertels came in immediately, but Bob Lewis was tied up on other business and was unable to ecee in. Henry and I met with the members of the Esceutive Board, Saturday and Bunday evining and everything seemed to be in order with the exception of the question in our minds as to what should astually be done in the meeting the following day, Beptember 27th. Our Attorney, Paul Barker, along with Attorney McCarthy, falt that the disaffiliation vote should not be taken that day. Therefore, at the meeting on the 27th the members of Local Union 161 were advised by the Executive Board of events up to that time, and they voted unanimously to instrust the Board to meet with officials of the Teamsters Union to discuss affiliation.

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Monday night at 8 o'eloek there was a epecial salled meeting of the Executive Board of 161, at which time all subere of the Board www present. Our attorney, Paul Barker and mysalf were invited to be present (Bartels was required to return hens due to a death in the family). Berker and I met with the Board until 2 a.m., Tuesday. During this time we answered ell questions put to us about disaffiliation and effiliation with us; questions about loaal autonomy, charter and title, per sapita taxes, striks sanction and benefits, and every other possible question was asked and enswered. We were than requested to leave the room, and in appreximately 30 minutes we were salled back into session. At this time we were advised by the Business Representative that the Board had voted unaniacusty to recommend, at a spesial called meeting, that the Logal Union disaffiliate from the Brewery Workers International Union end effiliate with the Teametere. At this time Attorney Barker read to them a Trust Agreement that he had drawn up to take sare of their sonwy and bonds. and they adopted this Trust end every member of the Board signed it. We than helped them draw up notices for a epocial salled meeting for Saptamber 30th, one in the morning and one at night. We also werded a ballot to be printed for their effiliation vote.

On Tuesday, the 29th, we met with the Business Representative and part of the Heard members at Which time we prepared end then distributes the meeting notices. Also a special notice was prepared which was to be given to each member, which was done. Up to this point every one was in complete second, including the Brewery Workers Labor Relations Department that the Lical Union would disaffiliete at the meeting the next dev

At the mething meeting there were approximately 125 people present and while the Board was attempting to make their report they were subjected to some well organised agitating and hamkling. One of the opposition was under the influence of either liquor or beer end was very rowdy. It asseed the President to remove him out of the meeting. At that time about 25 or 30 of the membership present walked out with him. This evidently eaused the Executive Board members some concern because they did not put the question to a vote.

After this meeting I sgain talked to the Business Representative and some of the Board members and insisted that in the night meeting they make their move, because if they did not it was going to be too late. They promised me that if they had any attendance at all at the night meeting that the vote would be teken.

At the night meeting there were approximately 250 people present. Although this meeting was orderly and the Board was allowed to report fully on their resonmendation they were unable to get a motion made to adopt the resonmendation. As a result that meeting adjourned without any setion being taken.

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By this time you can imagine, we were completely camperated and hardly knew what move to make next. However, not giving up, we called Henry Bertels in New York and talked to Einar Moha in Washington, advising them of what had taken place. Henry than called Hershese by long distance and made it very suphatic that if scmething was not done in the next few days that obviously the Bruwery Workers International Union would take staps to see that he was unable to procede further.

After these discussions and conversations, Marchase, with the sesistance of our Attorney, Paul Barker, proceeded to draft some petitions. These petitions were to be distributed among the mambers at the Brewery and the petition was to authorize disaffiliation. The petition was first taken to the Palataff Brewery which is the largest employer. The Steward at this Brewery refused to assist Marchese in passing the petitions, even though Marchese was a Palataff employee and received acet of his support from those members they refused to help him at this time. He then took the petition to the Jax Brewing Company, the assend largest employer in the sity. On one shift employing 116 cen he reactived 110 signatures. On the next shift he reserved approximately 45% of those working, however, I do not know the number. All of this took place on Mosday and Tuesday of Ostober 5 and 8th.

Tuesday s Mr. Frank Daniels, Representative of the CIO, came to New Orleans and called on Mixenese. His purpose was to convince Marchese that he was taking a mistake and was going to get in trouble. He slee tald Marchese that the CIO was going to take over the Browery Workers International Union and remove Feller and Madburg in the near future. Marchese told him that was fine. But he had ande up his mind and he was committed to affiliate his Local Union with the Teamsters and was going to follow through. Daniels stated he respected him for his position and his stand, but he was going to do everything possible to stop him.

The naxt day Marchase was served with charges by Whitey Munster. These charges accused Marchase of disloyalty and dual unionism, etc. The trial date was set for Priday, October 9th. Marshese contacted our Attorney Barker, who drafted answers for his and also requested an extension on the trial. The reason the International was rushing the trial was because the regular Local Union meeting came up on October 13th and they wented Marchass tried and expelled before that meeting.

Marchese went to the trial slong with the President, the Secretary and some of the sembers of the Losal. The trial committee was made up of the International officials, of course. Marchase made a special request for postponement and presented the papers that Barker had prepared for his. I understend that Lindburg told them that if they would assure him that there would be no effort made in the Sunday meeting to disaffiliate, that they would postpone the trial until Priday, Ostober 16th. Merchese refused to give the securance, however, the President and Secretary did. As a

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result the triel was postponed. One thing I failed to mention above, was that Feller had written e letter to Losal lol, requesting the officers and Job Stewards to meet him in New Orlana on October 4th. The membership voted to file his letter, and instructed the officers and stewards not to meet his.

At the meeting on Sunday, October 11th, Lindberg was in attendance. One of the members same over and demanded a report from the Beard on the question of disaffiliation. The President ruled him out of order and after someiderable arguing back and forth the ruling stood and the question dropped.

As the struction stands so of this date, I must honastly tell you that I am completely bewildered by the shain of evente. Through the work of Dave Kaplan, Henry Bartele and others it looked like it was a foregone conclusion that those members would take section to disaffiliats. I do not know whether or not I can explain their failure to follow through, but it seems that they are inexperienced and do not have the political sourage to some out in the open on the matter and netually move for disaffiliation. Hawaver, if this explanation is not the right one, then I am et a somplete loss to offer eny other. You must remember that Merchaes made a somplete report bo gie sembers in front of hie General President and the International Representative at which time he socked them to their face of betraying the members, adding tham out and said they should be rode out of town on a rail. When a new Businese Representative will Ashduct himself in that menner, then it is hard for ee to believe that he did not have the courage to earry on. However, se I etated above, I can find no other reason.

Please be assured you will be kept advised of any further developments. Let no take this apportunity to also thank you people for your masistence in the Papai-Cola matter at Memphis, Tennessee. By the intervention of Dave Levinger and yourself we were able to get our disahersed employee reinstated at his former job at the Papai-Cola Plant. Our Local Union officials there have advised the recently that they have every man but three signed op as manubers of their Local Union.

I will advise you so to the results of this election upon its completion.

With best wishes, I remain

Praternally yours,

MURRAY W. HILLER CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR

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Brewery Workers

Ir. Einar O. Mohn, Vice President International Brotherhood of

Taamstara 100 Indiana Avenue wastington 1, D.C.

Dear -r. Mohn:

Tris ia a report on "Operation Disorganized".

In Chicago two reports were made in detail after you left.

1. That in Fhiladelphia the pledge cards upon which NLRB action would be based ran to the present Teamster local and not to the locals that were to be taken over.

Ray and myself were appointed to take the matter up with President Beck in St. Louis so that we would avoid any local conflict. Ray left and it was agreed I should see President Back. I did. He assured me that the Vice President in charge of the area was in complete accord with the policy of bringing over the Brawery Worker locals intact or into their own local, when possible. I stated that there must be a mistake or misunderstanding and that I would take the matter up with you. He arrroved and I did.

- 2. It was raported with respect to New Orleans
 - a) that all of the steps necessary to protect the CIO local union's funds had been taken.
 - b) that the Secretary of the local union, Frank Marchese had the men behind him in a move to disaffiliate but it was doubtful if he had the votes to affiliate with the Teamsters.
 - c) that he was undecided about when he would call a meeting to disaffiliate.
 - d) that it was unwise for any of our people to talk to the membership of the local and no one had talked to the membership.
 - e) that attorney, warren Hall, was ill, would not be allowed to touch a labor problem for a year or two and that Paul Barker was the local attorney in charge.

P. H. McCARTHY, JR. F. NASON O'HARA H. B. JOHNSON 518 BALBOA BUILDING

I atated that I knew Hall but did not know Barker and he did not know me and that I would like permission to check with Barker on the situation at the Lawyers Conference in St. Louis. It was granted.

I met Barker in St. Louis. He reported:

- l. That the local union had cash, about \$20,000 in bonds and a building. Subsequently it developed the local union had, give or take, \$9000 in cash and \$20,000 in bonds or a total of \$29,000, and that no steps whatsoever had been taken to protect the money and no preparation had been made to take any steps to protect the money.
- 2. That he knew of no meeting having been set but Frank was considering calling one when the time was rice.
- 3. He believed that people like Bob and other exbrewery workers - not from the New York area - could talk to the membership and could halp. That New York had no program. He believed that the members would buy the Brewery and Sof Drink Conference idea aven if they did not like Teamsters as such.
- 4. Ba ker and I asked President Beck if it was okay if we mat trivately with Frink and Dusty on Sunday evening in New Orleans to take up the matter of the 329,000. He said yes and that he would have Dusty meet us there. I telephoned you at a number President Beck gave me. I did not get you.

In the meantime Dusty had asked for a New York representative and Bob Lewis to come into New Orleans as they had a local union meeting set up for Sunday morning and they needed help. I found this out from Bob and tell it to Barker. He is already trying to reach Dusty by telephone. He reaches Frank. He talks with him.

Then a mistake. I say it is mine - Barker says it is his - Bob talks to Frank.

de finally hear from Dusty. The situation:

Dusty received a message thru an employer representative from President Beck to go ahead at the Sunday morning meeting. He has heard nothing about a private conference Sunday evening to arrange to keep the \$29,000 away from the CIO International.

I obtained by long distance telephone copies of various resolution to use to keep the \$29,000 and gave them to Barker. Barker and I discussed the matter with attorney Wells. Dusty then decides with Barker that it is too late to use the resolutions. I recommend that they divide up the treasury after paying the Internation per capita tax. Wells sug ests leaving \$1000 extra in the local union. We both recommend it to Barker. What he finally recommended to Duaty I do not know.

If they went ahead Sunday, I hope Dusty and Frank won. If they did not, it was a good try. Fortunately none of the confusion got outside the family, so it could do no harm.

However - \$29,000 is not peanuts - it is more than six months' interest on the CIO International's bank loans. In addition, a personal liability is created against our friends to the extent of \$9000 if they spend it after coming over, if the CIO keeps enough stooges to keep the local alive.

In all the CIO is given three or four places to apply pressure and cause trouble.

Of course, the International can pick up the check but it is an expensive way to swing the deal.

Some method must be worked out to avoid such confusion.

In case of Omoha, which is displaying some interest in coming over the following is what I propose to do unless otherwise instructed.

- a) Get a report from the attorney for the Joint Council with whom I have discussed the problem.
- b) wend it on to Hay.
- c) send the attorney for the Joint Council a report on the various methods that have been used in various places to protect the funds, property, etc.
- d) Forget it until I hear from Ray or the attorney for the Joint Council.

Sincerely,

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August 21, 1953

PHONE RIVERSIDE 4763 DALLAS, TEXAS

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Mr. Dave Beck. General President International Brotherhood of Teamsters 100 Indiana Ave. N.W. Washington D.C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

RE: Brewery Workers Organization New Orleans, La.

I had a meeting yesterday morning with Mr. Frank Marchese, who is the Business Representative of the Bottlers' Local Union of the Brewery workers in New Orleans in regard to the next step in their disaffiliation with the Brewery Workers' International Union.

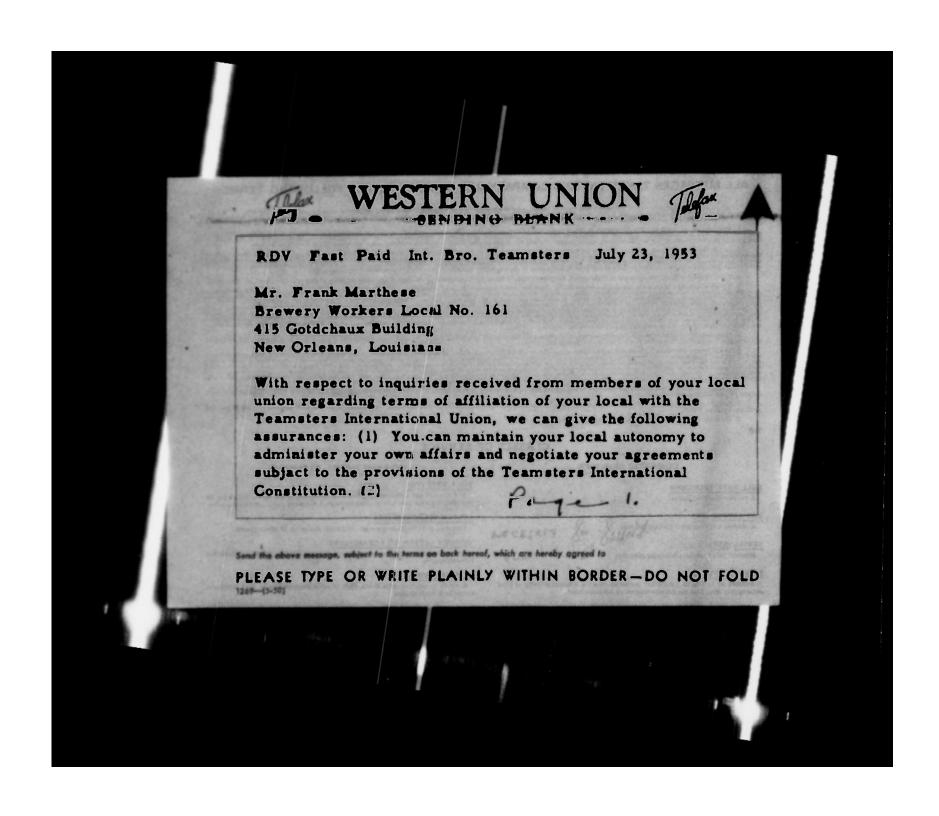
At in's time of the year, it is customary procedure for the'r Exe utive Board to Graft a proposal for a new contract. They then call a special meeting of the membership for changes and approval. At this meeting Marchese planned to take up the disaffiliation question again and he advises me that he thinks they are in a position to carry the motion, and at that meeting will be the most opportune time. That meeting will be scheduled sometime in September and I am urging and in isting Marchese that he proceed on it without any delay.

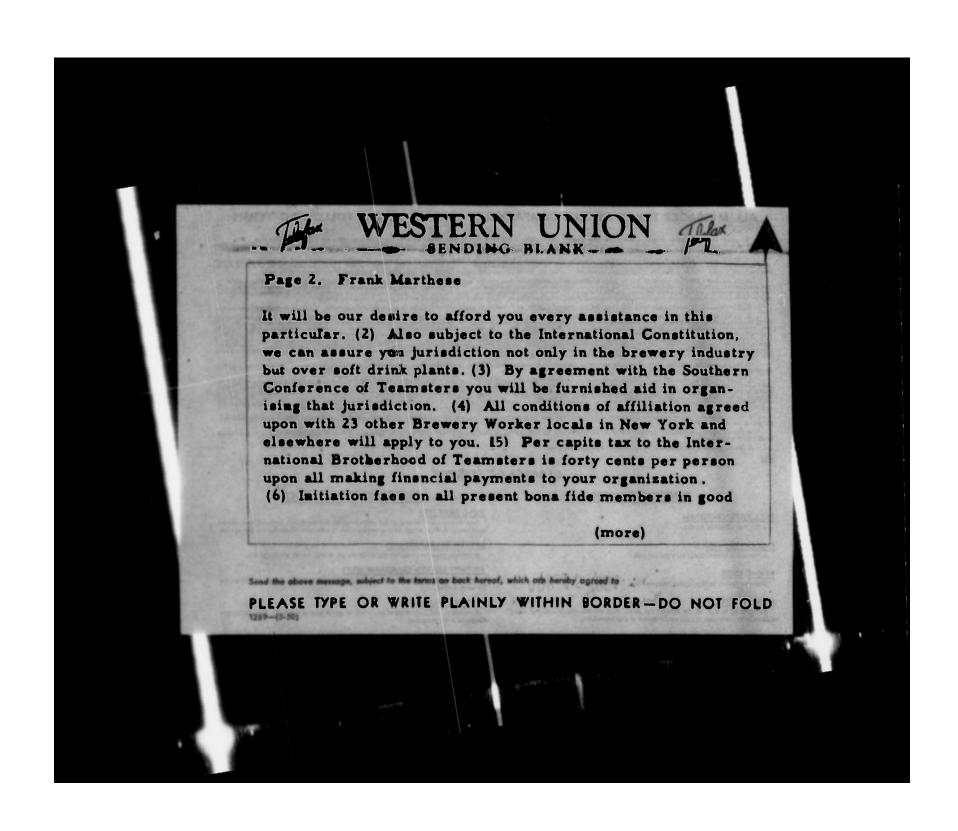
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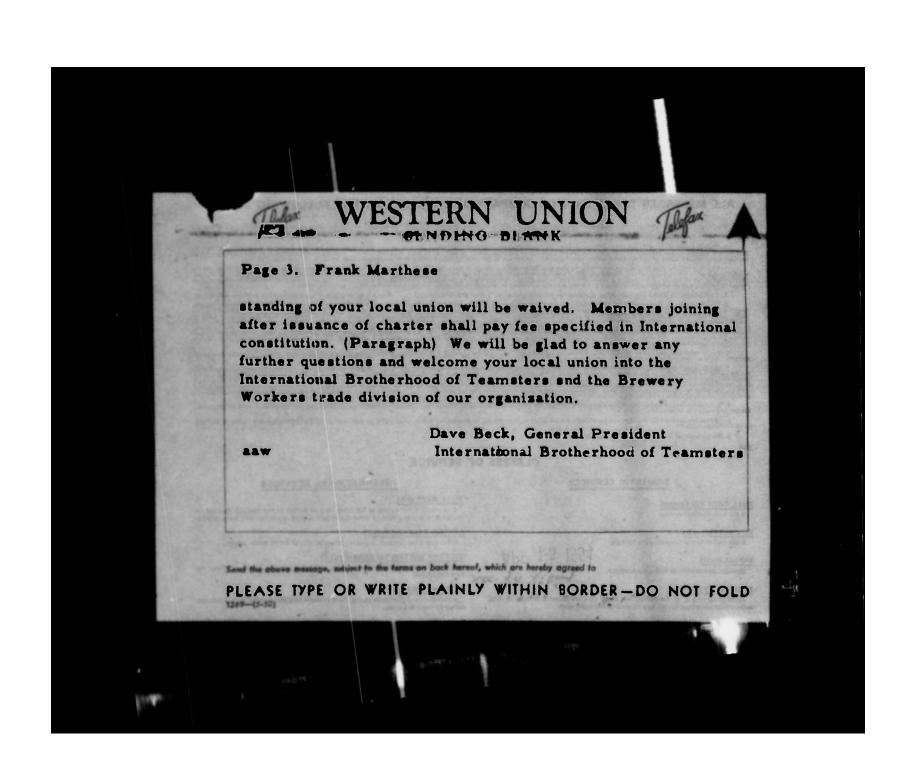
Fraternally yours,

Murray W. Miller MURRAY W. MILLER CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR

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see wire sent

Mr. Frank Marthese Brewery Workers Local No. 161 415 Gotdahauk Building New Orleans, Louisiana

With respect to inquiries received from members of your local union regarding terms of affiliation of your local with the Teamsters International Union, we can give the following assurances:

your own affairs and negotiate your agreements.

will be supposed to the suppo

3. By agreement with the Southern Conference of Teamsters you will be furnished aid in organizing that jurisdiction.

4. All conditions of affiliation agreed upon with 23 other

Brewery Worker loc 1s in New York an elsewhere will apply to you.

5. Per capita tax to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters

Initiation fees on all present bona fide members of your

local union will be waived. (Ma. Back betate addition re those who

We will be glad to answer any further questions and welcome

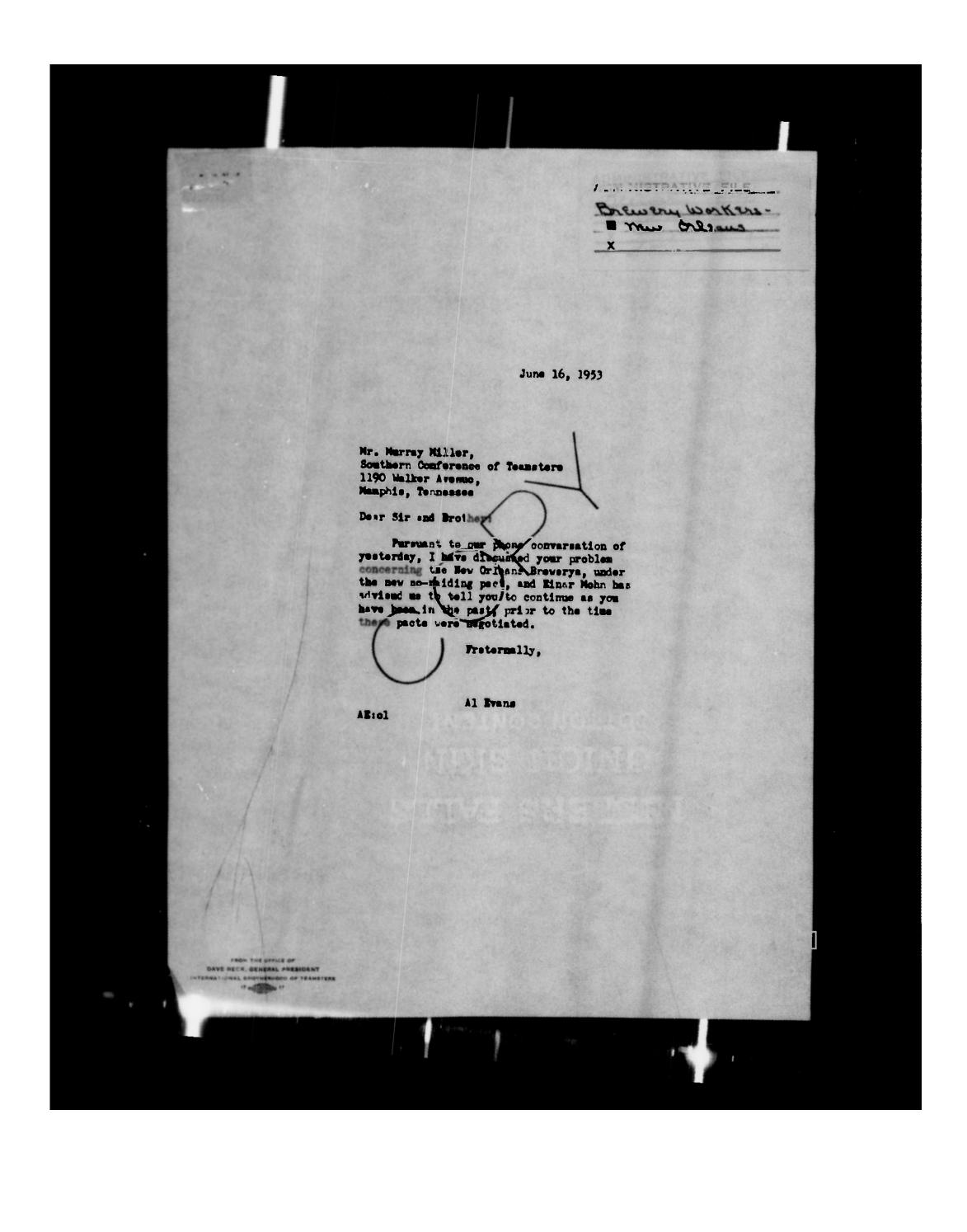
your local union into the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the Brewery Workers trade division of our organization.

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March 25, 1953 Mr. Dave Beck 552 Denny Way Seattle, Washington Dear Sir and Brother Enclosed a copy of a letter received today in this Murray W. Miller relative to the New Orldans Workers which we are forwarding for your constion. Fraternally yours, Al Evans Alidr Enc. PROM THE OFFICE OF DAVE SECK, CERTIFIAL, PRESIDENT ERVATIONAL ENGINEERIDGS OF TEAMST



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MEMPHIS, TENN.

March 23, 1953

Mr. Dave Beck, General President International Brotherhood of Teamsters 100 Indiana Avenue, N. W. Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Re: Brewery Workers New Orleans, La.

In reference to your request for what information is available regarding the brewery workers in New Orleans, Louisiana, General Organizer Clarence A. Mandoiza had occasion to be in New Orleans recently on another assignment and he went into the matter in detail with the officers of Local No. 270.

He reports that there are six breweries in New Orleans employing some 3,000 people all of which belong to the C.I.O. and are under a one year contract expiring January 1, 1954. He further reports that Business Representative Manny Moore of Local 270 is of the opinion that there is a good possibility for bringing these people into our International Union provided that we would issue them a charter and allow them to elect their own officers.

Brother Moore stated that when the brewery workers voted to go into the C.I.O. that a large number of their members were dissatisfied with this decision and would have preferred to become members of our International Union.

I am writing Brother Moore advising him that I would be in favor of recommending a charter to be issued for the brewery workers, providing a sufficient interest could be aroused to lead them into our Organization. Also at our conference meeting beginning April 22 in Biloxi, where you and Vice-President Hoffa will be present, we will go into this matter with the Local Union's officers at New Orleans in greater detail.

If there is any possibility at all of bringing this group into our Organization this Conference is agreeable to spending whatever amount of money that will be needed to accomplish the program. This is all of the information that can be given to you at this time in regard to this matter, however we will make further study and report to you from time to time.

Fraternally yours,

Munay W. MILLER CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR

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